GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to shift the control of Narcotics Control Bureau from Ministry of Finance to Ministry of Home Affairs;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry of Home have evolved any idea to deal with narcotics instead of longing for administrative control over the bureau; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (d): The Group of Ministers in its report on Reforming the National Security System has recommended that the Narcotics Control Bureau and its related structures currently under the Ministry of Finance may be placed under the Ministry of Home Affairs.The Government has decided to implement this recommendation. In view of the emerging linkages of drug cartels and traffickers with terrorists as well as with certain foreign intelligence agencies, there is a need to ensure closer coordination between the Intelligence Agencies dealing with terrorism and narcotics control. The shifting of the Narcotics Control Bureau and related structures to the Ministry of Home Affairs will facilitate better coordination in this regard.